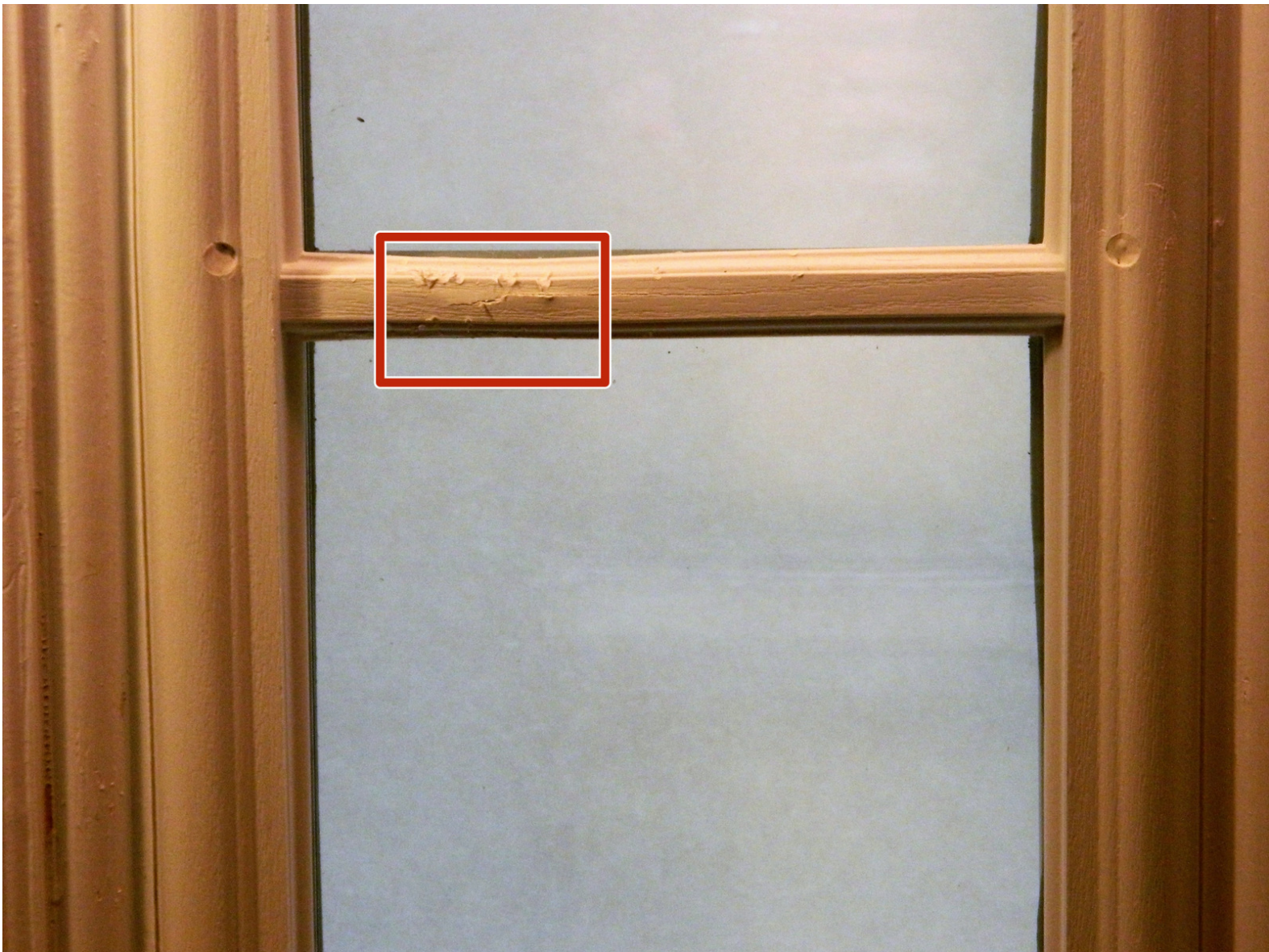




How to Repair Wood Dents with Wood Filler

This guide will show users how to patch up damages to a door that has visible dog bites to it. These seven steps will repair the door back to new.

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INTRODUCTION

Dogs can bite doors, which can lead to visible damages. This guide shows how to easily fix this type of surface damage, whatever the cause. This guide requires only simple materials, like a putty knife, wood filler, stain or paint, cloth towels, and brushes. These materials are relatively inexpensive and available at most hardware stores. You will need to allot time for the wood filler and stain to dry; the bigger the damaged area, the longer it will take for the filler to dry.

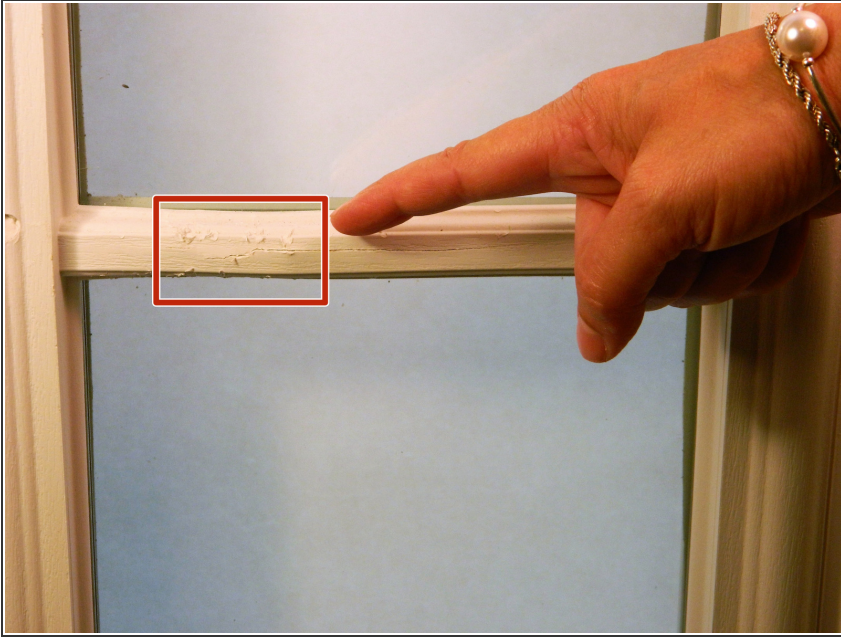
Optional: Painting the door instead of using stain is an option. It is not mandatory to do, yet if the stain is not the desired color for the surface, then a can of paint will suffice. This optional step is included in step six.



TOOLS:

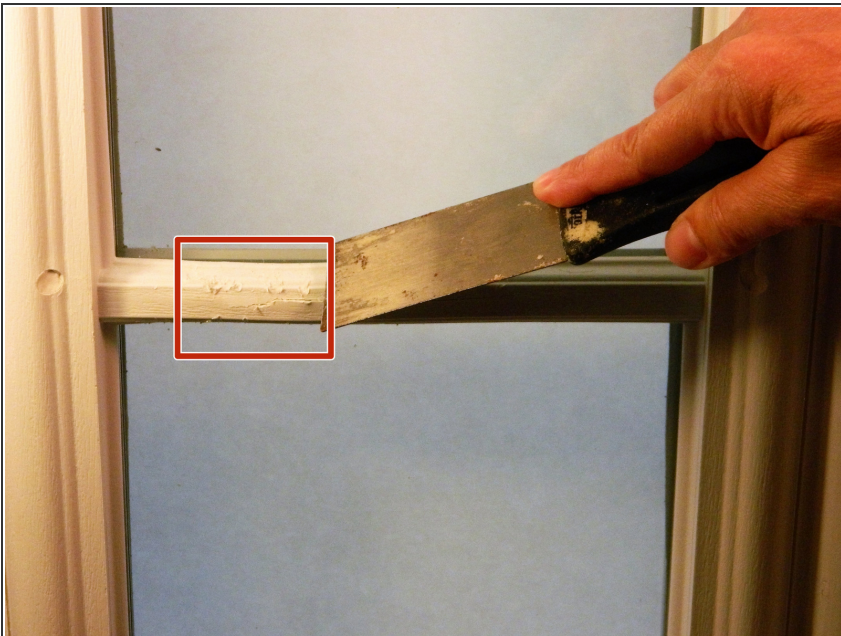
- [Putty knife](#) (1)
50 mm Wide
 - [Sand Paper](#) (1)
Fine-grit 75 mm Wide
 - [Wood Stain Can](#) (1)
8 Ounces
 - [Paint](#) (1)
8 Ounces
Optional
 - [Wood Filler](#) (1)
8 Ounces
 - [Stain Brush](#) (1)
25 mm Wide
Optional
 - [Cloth Towel](#) (1)
Any Type of Towel
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Step 1 — How to Repair Wood Dents with Wood Filler



- Inspect the damage and gauge how much wood filler will be needed.
- ⓘ Remember, if a big chunk is needed, then more wood filler will be needed. If it is shallow, not much wood filler will be needed.
- ⓘ This is a shallow dent, so not much wood filler is needed.

Step 2



- Scrape off the splinters and paint with a 50 mm wide putty knife blade.
- Use the corner of the blade to smooth over the bumps.

Step 3



- Apply a medium sized amount of wood filler to the putty knife and smear onto the surface.
- Use Elmer's Carpenter's Color Change Wood Filler.
- ❗ Although this filler is available in various sizes, an 8 ounce can will suffice for many repairs.

Step 4



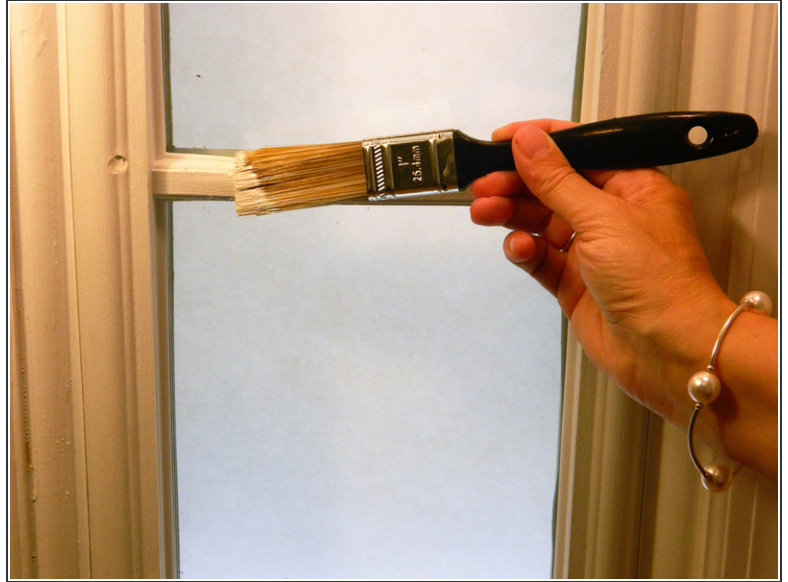
- Allow the filler to dry and touch it to see if it is ready for the next step.
- ❗ Remember, the time needed to dry varies depending on the size of the damage. Shallow damages take from thirty minutes to an hour to dry, whereas deep damages take up to two hours.
- This is a shallow damage, so it will take thirty minutes to dry.

Step 5



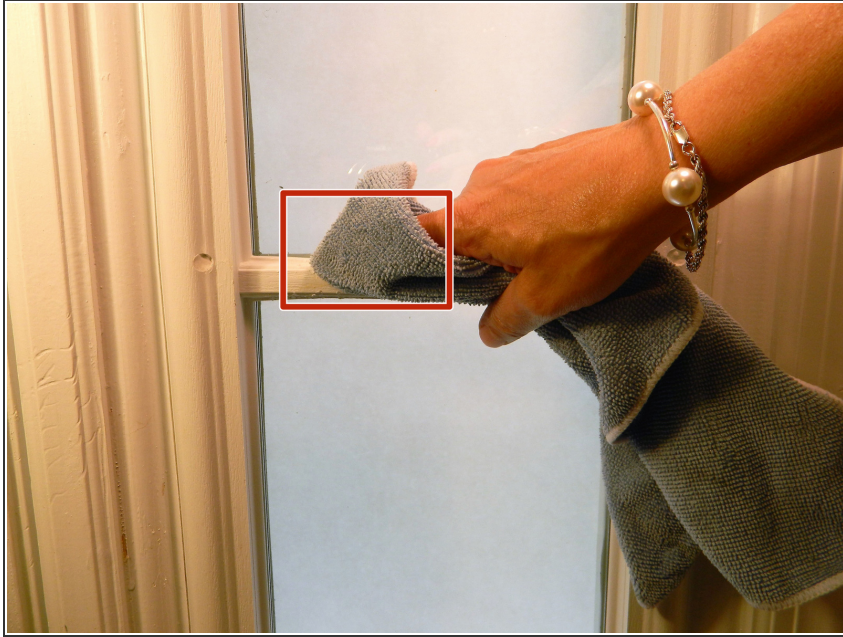
- Take a 3M 75 mm wide fine-grit sandpaper and gently sand the surface.
- ⓘ Remember to make sure the wood filler has dried before you sand the surface.

Step 6



- Use a 25 mm stain brush to apply Minwax Wood Finish Stain to the surface of the repair.
- Allow the stain to soak the surface for a few minutes so the wood absorbs it well.
- ⓘ An 8 ounce can of stain will suffice for this repair.
- ⓘ Optional: The 25 mm stain brush can be replaced with a regular 25 mm cloth brush found at home.
- ⓘ Optional: Paint the surface with white paint from a can of Rust-Oleum if the stain is not the desired color for the surface. Use a 25 mm paint brush, and an 8 ounce paint can will suffice. If the stain is the desired color for the surface, then painting is not necessary.

Step 7



- Grab a cloth towel and pat dry the surface.
- If the stain is not the desired color, then another coat might be necessary.
- Likewise, if the paint is not the desired color, then another coat might be necessary.

Make sure your door looks repaired. If not, repeat the steps above. Put more wood filler over the damages, then sand and either stain or paint the surface again.

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